

PTO/SB/08b (07-09)

Approved for use through 07/31/2012. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/594,600-Conf. #6849
				Filing Date	June 8, 2007
				First Named Inventor	Yuichiro ITAI
				Art Unit	1794
				Examiner Name	D. L. Garrett
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1982-0314PUS1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
/D.G./	AA*	US-2003/0127968-A1	07-10-2003	Kuma et al.	
/D.G./	AB*	US-6,844,670-B2	01-18-2005	Kuma et al.	
/D.G./	AC*	US-2005/0077817-A1	04-14-2005	Yamazaki et al.	
/D.G./	AD*	US-6,995,509-B2	02-07-2006	Yamazaki et al.	
/D.G./	AE*	US-2009/0174308-A1	07-09-2009	YAMAZAKI et al.	
/D.G./	AF*	US-2006/0164006-A1	07-27-2006	Yamazaki et al.	
/D.G./	AG*	US-7,504,771-B2	03-17-2009	Yamazaki et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			
/D.G./	BA	WO-2004/060026-A1	07-15-2004		
/D.G./	BB	WO-03/043382-A1	05-22-2003		
/D.G./	BC	JP-2001-118682-A	04-27-2001		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>

Examiner Signature	/Dawn Garrett/	Date Considered	04/05/2010
-----------------------	----------------	--------------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. \* CITE NO.: Those application(s) which are marked with an single asterisk (\*) next to the Cite No. are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii)) because that application was filed after June 30, 2003 or is available in the IFW. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.